

DABNEY & JOHNSTON.

301 E. Broad St. (Cor. 3d.)

A WEEK OF STRIKING IMPORTANCE

Third week of our February Clearance Sale.
Another deep cut in prices. Not a pair will be carried over if low prices will make things go.

Children's Shoes, sizes 5 to 8, all good, best waters, regular prices from 50c. to \$1.39c	
Children's Shoes, sizes 1-2 to 12, styles to suit both boys and girls.....	59c
800 pairs Boys' Shoes, sizes 1-2 to 12, \$1.25 grade, two styles—satin calf and box grain.....	89c
Ladies' Shoes, only a few pairs left, \$1.25 grade, styles good.....	89c
100 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, the \$2.00 and \$2.50 grade, sizes broken, styles good.....	\$1.29
Ladies' High Grade Shoes, small sizes, the newest shapes at less than the raw material.....	\$1.98
Ladies' Hand-made Shoes, in Box Calf, Mat. Kid, "Ideal Kid," Pat. Kid and Vel Kid, sizes 1-2 to 12, \$2.50 and \$3.00 grade, styles good, not a pair worth less than \$2.50 and the most of them \$4.00 and to \$4.50.....	\$2.48
Ladies' Shoes, sizes 2, 3-12 and 5, C. D. and B. wide, \$2.50 and \$3.00 grade, styles good.....	\$1.69
400 pairs of Men's High Grade Shoes, this season's most popular styles, representing a luxuriousness of effect and elegance of finish, which will be appreciated by lovers of high art and honest shoe making. Not a pair of these shoes ever sold for less than \$3.50, and there was never a better line made even at this price. Others sold for \$4 and \$5; all now, all leathers.....	\$2.48
Men's Shoes, the \$2.50 and \$3.00 grades.....	\$1.98
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Men's Shoes, the \$1.50 and \$1.75 grades.....	\$1.29
Men's Shoes, the \$1.25 and \$1.40 grades.....	98c
Children's Rubbers, 15c.	
Misses' Rubbers, 15c.	
Ladies' Rubbers, 15c.	
Men's Rubbers, 25c.	

Don't wait until your size has been sold. Ringing values like these compel enthusiasm, attract crowds and set shoppers talking glowingly. We have never offered new goods at such ridiculous prices. See them for yourselves. Everything spot cash. Nothing on approval.

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301 EAST BROAD STREET.

MAY BUILD NEW BRIDGE

The Plans of the Passenger and Power Company.

PUT CARS TO 7TH STREET

Will Bring Them from Petersburg to the Very Heart of the City—Various Propositions Now Being Considered.

The Virginia Passenger and Power Company now has under consideration the advisability of constructing a new bridge over James River from Richmond to Manchester, on which it is proposed to run the Petersburg trolley cars into Richmond. Much headway has been made, and it will be no distant date in the future when the long, heavy vehicles will be seen gliding along the company rails on Seventh Street, making Broad Street their terminus in Richmond.

Since Mr. Frank J. Gould acquired controlling interest in the corporation the local officials have been deeply interested in running the Petersburg cars into this city. This would have been accomplished some time ago had not it been deemed unsafe to bring the heavy vehicles over the Free Bridge.

A NEW STRUCTURE.
It having been regarded as unwise and unsafe to use the Free Bridge for the conveyance of the heavy Petersburg cars into the city, the local directors, President Sitterding and other officials, have seriously considered the advisability of erecting a new and sufficiently strong bridge between Manchester and Richmond.

The engineers of the company surveyed many proposed routes, but have at last decided on a spot which it is thought is quite advantageous and will fill the bill in a fitting manner. The engineers have been greatly impressed with the advantages of a proposed new dam across the river, and on these estimates have been made.

As will be remembered, there are on each side of the river abutments for a new dam over the James. These are located in the vicinity of Seventh Street, not a great distance from the present Free Bridge. It has been ascertained that each would afford an excellent bridge foundation, their stability being quite sufficient to support a structure of the most modern and imposing type.

It is understood that the company is investigating the purchase of these abutments with an idea in view of erecting a new bridge on them. At any rate, a number of visits have been made to the place by officials, and all are well impressed with them.

NOTHING DEFINITE.
But as yet the directors have decided upon nothing definite. It may be that the new bridge will not materialize. It is said that a proposition has been made to the car company to purchase Mayo's Bridge, at the foot of Fourteenth Street, and this, too, is being considered. It has been pointed out that this structure is admirably fitted to bring the heavy cars across the river from Manchester. However, this scheme has not met with great favor at the hands of the car company, and it is not probable that the deal will be consummated.

The officials regard Mayo's Bridge as out of the way. That is, the company would be forced to make a number of changes in its present routes if they purchased the structure, as it is west from Main to James River, would be abandoned as a thoroughfare, while such would also be the condition in Manchester.

Cars would have to be taken down to Fourteenth Street, carried over the bridge, thence along Fourteenth Street to Main, and up this street to Seventh, unless the original scheme was changed and Eighth or Ninth Streets and Broad were made the terminus of the Petersburg cars.

ANOTHER PLAN.
The officials have still another plan up their sleeves, but this is not looked upon with much favor. It is a proposition that the company, at its own expense, strengthen the supports of the Free Bridge, thereby insuring its safety for the support of the heavy cars which ply between Manchester and Petersburg.

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COTTON MILL COMBINATION

Regarded as Important Step in Southern Development.

NEW WORKING CAPITAL

It Will Enable the Southern Mills to Be Operated Under Modern Economic Conditions, and Will Open to Them World's Money Market.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALTIMORE, MD., February 19.—A correspondent of the Manufacturers' Record, writing from New York, gives some details regarding the Southern cotton mill combination. This has been organized on the basis of \$6,000,000 of bonds, \$7,000,000 of preferred and \$7,000,000 of common stock, and at present includes about seventy mills, but the plan of organization is made sufficiently elastic to provide the money to take in a large number of additional mills, a good many of which are now under investigation. The company will have \$2,000,000 cash in its treasury, and contemplates the establishment of finishing plants and the handling of the entire business on such a basis as to reduce the cost of production and the marketing of cotton goods as much as possible, thus eliminating many of the expenses which have heretofore burdened mills that lacked ample working capital. As this combination puts about \$6,000,000 of fresh capital into the cotton mill interests of the South, and at the same time leaves the control of the mills in Southern hands, it is regarded by many as one of the most important steps which have been taken in the broadening of the textile development of the South.

MODERN ECONOMICS.
The Manufacturers' Record's correspondent, referring to this combination, says: "From a commercial and industrial point of view, this merger may be considered the most important Southern transaction that has up to this time been closed. It will remove the financial and other obstacles in the way of profitable cotton manufacture in the cotton-growing country; it means the introduction of modern economical methods, access to the world's markets, as well as labor-saving and money-saving machinery, reaching the world's cotton goods markets, and, what is of more importance, ability to employ the best business talent afforded by the world's best brains markets. Everyone at all familiar with the cotton industry of the South knows that the greatest difficulty that many Southern cotton mills have had to contend with has been lack of working capital. Many of the mills have been in hard times, and to all credit they have been able to obtain it except at exorbitant rates of interest, by reason of remoteness of the money centers, and another great difficulty has been the lack of access to the isolated mills were absolutely at the mercy of the middlemen in finding a market for their output."

ADVANTAGE OF POSITION.
"The financial plan is very simple. One of its features will be to add several million dollars, immediately available, to the working capital of the mills concerned. This will come into the form of new bonds, and other Northern cities, leaving the properties intact and in actual possession of the original owners, who will continue to control the majority of the company's securities. It is a plan that is seldom found outside of the very largest enterprises, stands pledged to provide all the cash required in perfecting the organization."

NEW OIL TERRITORY.
Bearing upon the development of new oil territory by reason of decreasing consumption for some time having been largely in excess of production, a correspondent of the Manufacturers' Record, writing from Barboursville, Ky., tells of the rapid extension of activities in four fields in that State and in the establishment of another field in Tennessee. He writes:

"The Bob's Bar field, in Tennessee, and the Wayne field, in Kentucky, were the first developments, and these were rapidly followed by the discovery of oil in Bath and Knox counties. The Wayne county field and the Bath county field have been producing oil steadily for some time, and consequently these sections have been proven. These two developments have yielded up to date 250,000 barrels of crude oil, which is in storage tanks at Somerset awaiting the completion of the pipeline. Nearly one hundred wells have been drilled in both sections with capacities ranging from ten to two hundred barrels a day. The Knox county field has made more rapid strides than any other in the State. Although scarcely a year old, nearly three hundred wells have been drilled, and new wells are coming in at the rate of twenty a month. Most of the wells in the Knox county field were drilled into a shallow sand, and many operators doubt their lasting quality. Bath county developments have resulted in one hundred wells. In most of these wells the grade of oil is different from the other oil production of the State. The Bath output is a heavy, black, sticky oil, which is not suitable for lamp purposes, but is valuable for other uses. It is only 55 cents a barrel. Near the Bath county field is situated the new field of Morgan county, which has been attracting general attention recently. Here the deepest well in the State is located and the capacity shows up to be not less than one hundred barrels daily."

COOL PROSPECTS.
"Cumberland county is also attracting a great deal of attention recently. Here about twenty wells have been drilled, most of which are good producers. At present about thirty wells are being drilled in different sections of the State, and in Tennessee a great deal of wildcatting is going on. Nearly fifty counties are being operated in for oil and gas and nearly every work extension of developed sections are being made. All along the route of the pipe line into West Virginia a considerable number of new wells are being drilled, and every day some new company is organized to operate for oil."

"So crowded are contractors that it is now impossible to get a well drilled as soon as contracted for, and many operators have wells contracted to be drilled several months ahead of time. Work is progressing with great rapidity on the pipe line, which is being constructed across the entire eastern part of the State from Bob's Bar, in Tennessee, to the Standard's main line near Hamlin, Va., and it is announced that it will be completed within two months. Nearly all the branch lines are now completed and the telegraph wire have been strung. All over the oil sections steel storage tanks are being erected, in which the oil produced will be run to await the completion of the pipe line. When that has been accomplished all the eastern counties of the State will be upon a period of prosperity never before equalled in their history."

W. C. T. U. ORGANIZATION
One for Hanover is Effected at Shady Grove Church—The Officers.

The W. C. T. U. of Hanover county met at Shady Grove Church (Episcopal) on Saturday, February 14th, and organized. Mrs. E. B. Clements, of Centerville, was present and presided over the body in her usual graceful and forceful way.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Pribble, was present and conducted devotional exercises.

The officers for the year were elected: President, Mrs. Nannie Bates; Vice-President, Mrs. A. J. Nelson; Rural Delivery No. 1, Secretary, Miss D. J. Garrett; Ashland; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jennie Bates; Rural Delivery No. 1, Treasurer, Miss Kate Adams; Cold Harbor. The superintendents of departments are: L. Y. L. Miss Mattie Stubbs; S. S. Work, Mrs. A. B. Reynolds; Howells; Temp. Lit., Mrs. S. G. Garrett; Press, Miss Jennie Bates; Medical, Miss Julia Horn; Non-Alcohol, Miss Blanch Carmel; Soldiers and Sailors, Miss Bena Bendles; Red Letter Day, Lella Quarles; Scientific Temp., Mrs. Lella Quarles; Young People, Miss Stubbs; Soc. of Virginia Col., Miss Ida Bendles.

The constitution was read by Mrs. A. J. Nelson and adopted.

The pastor, one of the most active lady members of Shady Grove Church, was present and made helpful remarks.

The officers are at work planning for a big day for their first convention in Ashland, to meet in March.

RECEPTION TO-NIGHT.
Members of the Third Presbyterian Church are to gather.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Third Presbyterian Church will give a reception to all the members at 8 o'clock this evening. Under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. R. B. Eggleston many have been added to the church, and it is desired that all shall meet and become acquainted.

The Reception Committee will be composed of the elders and deacons, their wives and the ladies of the society. A delightful time is anticipated, as is always the case at receptions held by this church.

Railroad Earnings.
Following is a comparative statement of the gross earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio for the second week of February, 1903: \$325,225.50; 1902, \$302,312.50; Increase, \$22,913.00. For the two weeks of February, 1903, \$654,129.44; 1902, \$612,525.00; Increase, \$41,604.44.

Below are the estimated earnings of the Southern Railway system for the second week in February, 1903: This year, \$31,451; last year, \$709,694; Increase, \$102,757.

Southern Railway Company, St. Louis-Louisville lines: This year, \$3,563; last year, \$35,832; Increase, \$32,269.

AT WESTERN HOSPITAL

Method of Purchasing and Accounting There.

SYSTEM MOST ADMIRABLE

Dr. Benjamin Blackford, the Superintendent, Tells in Detail of the Plan That is Followed at This Institution.

Editor Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—As the following relates to a matter of public interest, I respectfully ask its publication in your paper, for the information of the taxpayers and the Legislature of the State.

It is an invariable rule of the hospital that all monies, from whatever source received, shall be deposited in the banks of Staunton to the credit of the "Support Account of the Western State Hospital."

The banks are required to give bonds in double the amount on deposit at any time. When so deposited, no money is ever drawn from a bank except upon a check signed by three members of the Directory who constitute the Executive Committee.

CHECK DRAWN MONTHLY.
No check is drawn except one, at the beginning of each month. It is made payable to the Steward, and is for such amount as may be needed for the expenditures of the month.

The Steward is charged on the books with nothing whatever but this one check. His proceeds are the only money that he is authorized to expend.

He is credited on a day book by such payments as he may make for supplies during the month. For every payment so credited, he is required to file a voucher, showing every transaction in full, the date, the name of the seller, the article purchased, the quantity, the price paid, and the total amount of the purchase.

On or about the 15th of the following month, the Executive Committee meets and the Steward is authorized to present the preceding month's accounts for audit and verification of the additions and the balances, pro and con.

These vouchers are then entered on the journal and general ledger, numbered, and filed for future reference if necessary. The Steward's sales books are also subject to the inspection of the Executive Committee.

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This is followed by a statement in full detail, of the various heads under which the money has been expended, such as salaries, wages, fuel, etc., showing the total amount paid out under each head.

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METHOD OF PURCHASING.
The method of purchasing is as follows: Twice a year sealed bids are advertised for to supply dry goods, clothing, etc., each bidder being required to furnish samples and prices by both the Executive Committee of Directors and the Steward.

Such supplies as are not included above are bought by the Steward in open market, his purchases being inspected, as already stated, by the Executive Committee at its monthly meetings.

BENJ. BLACKFORD, Superintendent.
At Home Again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fisher have returned home from their bridal tour, after a pleasant trip to Washington, Baltimore, and New York, and are at home to their many friends.

LEGAL NOTICES.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA.

Plaintiff vs. Hancock & als., and Goode's Adm'r vs. Flannagan & als.

These two causes came on this day to be heard upon the papers formerly read, and were argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof it appearing to the Court that the estate of Emma T. Goode, deceased, and a report of said Emma T. Goode, deceased, have been filed in the clerk's office of this Court, and that the estate of said Emma T. Goode, deceased, has been assigned to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Court doth hereby order that the payment of the distributable of said Emma T. Goode, deceased, if any there be, show cause, if any they can, at the next term of the Circuit Court of the county of Henrico, to show cause why the estate of said Emma T. Goode, deceased, should not be distributed without refunding bonds.

And the Court doth decree that a copy of this decree be published once a week in the Times-Dispatch for a period of four weeks in the city of Richmond, Va., and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse on the first day of two successive terms of the County Court of Henrico county, Va.

Tested: J. E. BROADBENT, Clerk.

THE CONTEST HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Deep Run Hunt Club's Event Not to Take Place Until February 28th.

Owing to the excessive cold weather and frozen condition of the ground, the Deep Run Hunt Club have decided to postpone the jumping contest and reception which they had arranged to have on Saturday, February 21st, until Saturday, February 28th, at 3:30 o'clock. Much interest has been manifested in this contest, and there are already twelve or fourteen entries, some of them the best country horses in the club.

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AUCTION SALES—THIS DAY.

By The Valentine Auction Co., Auctioneers.

RECOVERER'S SALE OF THE ENTIRE STOCK OF GOOD CLOTHING, NOTIONS, HATS, GLOVES, SHOES, HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR, LACE, BELTS, COLLARS, CUFFS, FURNISHINGS, ETC., ETC., ETC., OFFICE OF THE RECOVERER, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 20, 1903, COMMENCING AT 10 O'CLOCK, N. Y. TRADING AND PARCELS TO SUIT THE TRADE.

In pursuance of an order entered on the 10th day of February, 1903, in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, in the matter of Ray M. Hirschberg, bankrupt, I will sell at public sale, in the store of said Ray M. Hirschberg, bankrupt, No. 100 East Main Street, Richmond, Va., of THIS (Friday) MORNING, FEBRUARY 20, 1903, commencing at 10 o'clock, the entire stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Hosiery, Blankets, Laces, Ladies' Dresses, Good Underwear, Quilted Shirts, Vests, Men's, Ladies', Children's and Children's Shoes; Collars and Cuffs, Ladies' Skirts, Napkins, Lace Curtains, Brides, Buttons, Corsets, Umbrellas, Gloves, Jewelry, Handkerchiefs, Store Fixtures, Iron Safe, Office Desk, Show-Cases, Sewing Machine, Counters, Sewing Machine, Window Frames, etc.; the unexpired Lease, Book Accounts and Good Will.

The stock of merchandise is well selected, fresh and desirable, usually carried by a first-class retail dry goods store. Stock and fixtures to be sold in lots and parcels to suit the trade and purchasers.

Store Fixtures, Roller-Top Desk, Iron Safe, Show-Cases, Sewing Machine, etc., will be sold at 2 o'clock P. M.

TERMS: Cash. MELVIN FLEGENHEIMER, Receiver.

The Valentine Auction Co., Auctioneers.

By A. J. Chevington Co., Real Estate Auctioneers.

COURT SALE OF LOT AND IMPROVEMENTS, FRONTING 22 FEET ON SOUTH SIDE OF N STREET, 32 FEET VEST OF THIRTY-FIRST STREET, BY A DEPTH OF 18 1/2 FEET.

In execution of a decree of the Law and Equity Court of the city of Richmond, entered February 8, 1902, in the matter of Willis vs. Spencer, I will sell by auction, upon terms, the above described premises, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1903, at 4:30 o'clock P. M., the property above described.

TERMS:—One-third cash, and balance in equal installments at 6 and 12 months for notes, interest added, and title retained until properly paid for, and a conveyance ordered by the court.

GILES B. JACKSON, Special Commissioner.

I hereby certify that the bond required by Special Commissioner in the above decree has been paid in full.

P. P. WINSTON, Clerk.

The above sale was postponed until FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 1903, AT 4:30 P. M.

By The Valentine Auction Co., 612 East Broad Street.

AUCTION SALE OF PARLOR, Chamber, Dining-room, Hall and Kitchen, Carpeting, Carpets, Rugs, Portieres, Spring Mattresses, Chairs, Stoves, Tables, Sewing Machines, Iron Beds, Wardrobes, Hair Mattresses, Crockery, China, Glass, and other household goods, Pictures, Mirrors and other Furniture too numerous to mention at our auction warehouse, 612 East Broad Street, on FRIDAY, THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, FEBRUARY 20th, at 10:30 o'clock, all of the furniture and household goods of the above named housekeeping. Attend if you want bargains.

THE VALENTINE AUCTION CO.

MEETINGS.

A STATE CONVOCAION OF THE WASHINGTON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 9, will be held in Masonic Temple, THIS EVENING, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1903, at 8 o'clock. Members of sister chapters and visiting companions are cordially invited to be present.

By order of the M. E. High Priest, R. B. SNEAD, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of the CHESAPEAKE WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, General Office Building, in the city of Richmond, Va., on TUESDAY, February 24, 1903, at 12 o'clock M. The transfer books will be closed on Monday, February 16, 1903, at 3 P. M., and remain closed until 10 A. M. Wednesday, February 25, 1903.

A. TREVETTE, Secretary.

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